

02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION

313 BOARD OF DENTAL PRACTICE

Chapter 6: QUALIFICATIONS FOR DENTIST LICENSURE

Summary: This chapter sets forth the qualifications for licensure as a dentist.

I. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS; APPLICATION; FEES

- A. An applicant seeking licensure to practice under this chapter must submit an application with the appropriate fee, and any other materials required by the Board.
- B. An applicant has 90 days after being notified of any additional materials needed to complete the application to submit those materials to the Board. Failure to complete the application within that 90-day period may result in a denial of the application.
- C. Verification of passing the jurisprudence examination administered by the Board with a grade of 90 percent. Applicants who do not pass the jurisprudence examination in three attempts may be preliminarily denied licensure.
- D. Verification of current certification in CPR. For purposes of meeting the CPR certification requirements under this chapter, online trainings are not accepted, unless the licensee can verify hands-on participation with the instructor as a component of the training.

II. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR DENTIST LICENSURE

- A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry, such as a D.M.D. or D.D.S., from a dental school whose program is accredited by CODA or the educational equivalent of a doctoral degree in dentistry as determined by the Board;
- B. Verification of passing all parts of the National Dental Board Examination or the successor to that examination; and
- C. Verification of passing all sections of a regional or state dental board examination approved by the Board.

III. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR FACULTY LICENSURE

- A. Verification of an active dental license in good standing issued under the laws of another jurisdiction;

- B. Credentials, satisfactory to the Board, including:
 - (1) A letter from the employing school of dentistry, dental hygiene or denturism indicating that the applicant satisfies the credentialing standards of the school and that the applicant will teach dentistry, dental hygiene or denturism in this State as part of a clinical and didactic program for professional education for dental students and dental residents accredited by CODA or a successor organization approved by the Board; and
 - (2) Previous employment experience relevant to the subject to be taught (including dates of employment).

IV. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR LIMITED DENTIST LICENSURE

- A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry, such as a D.M.D. or D.D.S., from a dental school whose program is accredited by CODA or the educational equivalent of a doctoral degree in dentistry as determined by the Board;
- B. Verification of an active, inactive, or expired dentist license in good standing issued under the laws of this State, or of an active dental license in good standing issued under the laws of another jurisdiction; and
- C. Verification that the applicant will be practicing dentistry in a nonprofit dental clinic without compensation for work performed at the clinic.

V. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENT DENTIST LICENSURE

- A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry, such as a D.M.D. or D.D.S., from a dental school whose program is accredited by CODA or the educational equivalent of a doctoral degree in dentistry as determined by the Board.
- B. (RESERVED)
- C. (RESERVED)
- D. Verification from a Board-approved post-graduate dental residency program that includes the following:
 - (1) Affirms that the applicant has an academic affiliation and is enrolled in a dental residency program;
 - (2) Affirms that the applicant has completed satisfactory training and is ready to perform dental services in limited settings under the supervision of a sponsoring dentist; and
- E. A supervision plan submitted by the sponsoring dentist that describes the following:
 - (1) Board-approved setting that identifies the location(s), and the start and end dates of the clinical experience;

- (2) Identifies that the level of supervision and control over the services to be performed by the applicant are adequate, and that the performance of these services are within the applicant's dental knowledge and skill.

VI. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY LICENSURE PURSUANT TO 10 M.R.S. §8003(5)(G)

- A Verification of an active dentist license in good standing issued under the laws of another state and payment of applicable fees.
 - B. The Board may waive the CPR and jurisprudence examination requirements set forth in Chapter 6(I)(C) and (D) for good cause.
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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